and career prospects of doctors. The benefits announced have been substantially implemented.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The acceptable demands of the doctors are included in the package of benefits announced in July, 1987.

Warning Against Harmful Effects of Aspirin

*357. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the US Food and Drug Administration have asked Aspirin manufacturers to warn women not to take the pain killer as it is harmful during pregnancy;

(b) whether Government propose to direct the manufacturers of aspirin in India also to do the same; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Reports have appeared that the United States Food and Drug Administration has been advised by a panel of external experts reviewing non-prescription drugs in the United States to warn women at term(third trimester of pregnancy) against the use of pain killers like Aspirin and Paracetamol (Acetaminophen) on the ground that it might prolong labour and alter bleeding and clotting time in mother and baby.

(b) and (c) According to information available with Government, the Food & Drug Administration in the U.S.A. is examining the recommendations of the external panel of experts and has not yet given a directive to Aspirin manufacturers in U.S.A. to include a warning to this effect. There is no proposal at this stage to issue any such directive in our country. However, leading manufacturers of Aspirin formulation in the country are already giving a warning statement in the data sheet that the use of the drug in pregnancy may prolong labour and contribute to maternal and neo-natal bleeding and is best avoided at term.

Allergic Reaction in Asthma Victims exposed to Cane-smoke

*358. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of allergic reaction in asthma victims exposed to cane-smoke as reported in Australia;

(b) whether in Hawaii also large-scale asthma has been reported amongst children exposed to cane-smoke; and

(c) whether any similar studies have been undertaken by NIOH, Ahmedabad or ITRC, Lucknow?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Government of India has no information on asthma caused by exposure to cane smoke. However, exposure to smoke of any origin are known to cause respiratory symptoms. Exposure to dried fibres of sugarcane is known to cause allergic lung diseases like Bagassosis.

(c) National Institute of Occupational Health, Ahmedabad and Industrial and Toxicological Research Centre, Lucknow, have not conducted any such study.

प्रादेशिक सेना में कमीशन

*359. श्री राम जेठमलानी : क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले दो वर्षों के दौरान प्रादेशिक सेना में कमीशन प्राप्त करने हेतु भारतीय युवक को आकृष्ट करने के लिए अनेक समाचार पत्रों और प्रसारण माध्यमों द्वारा विज्ञापन जारी किये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उक्त अवधि के दौरान अधिकारियों के कितने पद रिक्त पड़े हुए थे और इन रिक्त पदों के लिए कितने आवेदन-पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं; और

(ग) प्रसारण माध्यमों द्वारा जारी किए गए विभिन्न विज्ञापनों पर सरकार द्वारा कुल कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई?

रक्षा मंत्री (श्री के0सी0 पन्त): (क) प्रादेशिक सेना में कमीशन के लिए आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त करने हेतु फरवरी, 1988 में समाचार पत्रों में विज्ञापन दिए गए थे।

(ख) 31-12-1987 तक प्रादेशिक सेना की पैदल सेनाओं (इन्फैंटरी बटालियन) में अफसरों के 30 पद रिक्त थे। विज्ञापन प्रकाशित करने के बाद आवेदन-पत्र बड़ी संख्या में प्राप्त हुए थे।

(ग) प्रसारण-माध्यम से कोई भी विज्ञापन जारी नहीं किया गया।

Collaborations with the U.S.A. for Electronics Items

*360. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to new legislation in the United States, the Indian Government are anticipating more collaborations with the United States in the field of electronics during the next two years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) what was the two-way trade between India and the U.S.A. in terms of money during the last two years and what are the targets for the next two years in electronic industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY; ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) The U.S. Omnibus Trade Act, 1988 emphasises greater market access for the U.S. firms in foreign countries. India is perceived as an important future market by the US companies and therefore US Companies will seek to have greater market access by resorting to provisions of the new law, if necessary. Computers, software and telecommunications are likely to be identified as important sectors for market expansion for US companies.

A number of Indian parties have entered into foreign collaboration with US firms for various items in the field of Electronics, Computer and Software viz. Electronic Clocks, uninterruptable power supply systems, floppy diskettes, pay telephones, video magnetic tapes, electron guns, printed circuit boards, glass shells for Colour TV, power capacitors, microovens, quartz analog watches, mini computer, PC systems, Main frame computer systems, Multi-user computers, line printers, computer softwares, software for chip design, software engineering etc. Total number of Foreign Collaborations with USA are about 250 since 1983 in the area of electronics.

(c) The two way trade between India and U.S.A. in terms of money during the last two years are as follows:

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	India exports	India's imports
1986-87	2357.26	1963.01
1987-88	2906.24	2015.12

These figures include electronic items also.

It is expected that the two-way trade with USA may increase during the next two years.

An Export Plan for U.S.A. envisages an export of electronic products including softwares valued at US $ 270 million in 1990.